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SUBJECT: PROSPECTIVE FRG DEMARCHE TO ITALY RE NPT  
RATIFICATION

1. LATE LAST SUMMER FRG DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT EC-9 APPROACH (EXCEPT FRANCE) TO THE ITALIANS REGARDING THEIR RATIFICATION OF THE NPT AND THE COMPLEMENTARY IAEA-EURATOM SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. WHEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT MET WITH LEONE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MORO AT LAKE COMO, THE CHANCELLOR RAISED THE SUBJECT OF ITALIAN RATIFICATION OF BOTH AGREEMENTS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER. MORO SUPPOSEDLY INDICATED THAT THE NPT WOULD BE RATIFIED BY THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HOWEVER, WHEN THE GERMANS TRIED TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS ASSURANCE THROUGH THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN BONN, THEY RECEIVED A NON-PAPER FROM THE EMBASSY  
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WHICH INDICATED THAT MORO WAS REFERRING TO THE VERIFI-

CATION AGREEMENT RATHER THAN THE NPT. THIS WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE GERMAN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONVERSATION.

2. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THE TIME HAS COME TO MAKE ANOTHER DEMARCHE TO THE ITALIANS ON THE SUBJECT. THE GERMANS EXPECT THAT THEIR DEMARCHE WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY ONE PRESENTED BY THE BRITISH. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN ROME WILL MAKE THE DEMARCHE NEXT WEEK, COORDINATING AHEAD OF TIME WITH THE BRITISH EMBASSY. SINCE THE GERMANS CONSIDER FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR DUCCI THE PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK TO ITALIAN ACTION ON THIS PROBLEM, THEY INTEND TO DIRECT THEIR DEMARCHE TO FONOFF SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA. THE DEMARCHE WILL POINT OUT THAT FAILURE BY THE ITALIANS TO RATIFY BOTH THE NPT AND THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT WOULD LEAVE THEIR EC-9 PARTNERS IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION. IN THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY, THE ITALIANS WILL BE ASKED TO INTRODUCE THE NPT INTO THEIR PARLIAMENT NOW RATHER THAN DELAYING UNTIL ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT. THE GERMANS ALSO PLAN TO POINT OUT THAT THEY WANT TO TAKE PART IN THE MAY 1975 NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE AS WELL AS PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD PREPCOM SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY.

3. THE GERMANS DOUBT THE ITALIANS CAN RATIFY BOTH AGREEMENTS BY THE END OF THE YEAR. REPORTS FROM THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN ROME INDICATE THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT CAN BE APPROVED BY THE END OF 1975. HOWEVER, THE GERMANS ARE NOT TOO SANGUINE THAT THEIR DEMARCHE--PLUS THAT OF THE BRITISH--WILL SUFFICE TO INDUCE THE ITALIANS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

4. COMMENT: THE GERMANS ARE OBVIOUSLY FRUSTRATED WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION. THEY HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY STRONG ADVOCATES OF ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE WORLDWIDE NPT REGIME. HAVING RATIFIED BOTH THE NPT AND THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT, THE FRG WANTS TO DEPOSIT ITS INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE TREATY. ITALIAN FOOT DRAGGING  
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HAS THUS FAR DELAYED THIS FINAL FRG STEP. THE GERMANS WOULD DOUBTLESS APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE ON THIS PROBLEM WITH THE ITALIANS. END COMMENT  
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